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SUBJECT: CONSULAR ASSISTANCE TEAM VISIT AND ACQUISITION
OF NEW CONSULAR BUILDING

REF: KINGSTON 3874

1. DEPARTMENT HAS REVIEWED REFTEL AND CAT MEMORANDUM TO EMBASSY OFFICERS DATED 7/29/77. WE AGREE THAT PRESENT QUARTERS ARE NOT SATISFACTORY AND WOULD LIKE TO SEE ALL CONSULAR OPERATIONS MOVED TO A NEW FACILITY BY EARLY 1978. WE BELIEVE THAT SPACE AND PRICE SUGGESTIONS IN REFTEL ARE INFLATED. MORE REALISTIC FIGURES MUST BE ADOPTED PARTICULARLY SINCE THIS MOVE WOULD BE TEMPORARY SOLUTION PENDING COMPLETION OF FBO CONSTRUCTION OF NEW CHANCERY BUILDING IN 1982.

2. DEPARTMENT IS NOT CONVINCED BY PAST ASSESSMENT THAT OVERRIDING POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS PRECLUDE USE OF OUT-
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DOOR VISA WAITING ROOM. OUR INTENTION IS DEFINITELY NOT REPEAT NOT RECREATION OF PRE-EUREKA ROAD SITUATION. OUTSIDE WAITING AREAS CONCEPT APPEARS TO BE WORKING SATISFACTORILY IN OTHER CARIBBEAN HIGH VOLUME, HIGH REFUSAL RATE POSTS. IF ATTRACTIVELY DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTED WITH RESTROOM AND S-ATING FACILITIES, INSTALLATION OF FANS

AND PROTECTION FROM SUN AND RAIN, ETC WE DO NOT THINK
ADVERSE REACTION FROM JAMAICAN GOVERNMENT WILL ARISE.

3. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT POST ESTIMATE OF 16,000
SQUARE FEET IS NOT JUSTIFIABLE AGAIN SINCE THESE
QUARTERS WOULD BE TEMPORARY - FIVE YEAR SOLUTION. DE-
PARTMENT WILL ASSIST IN DESIGNING INTERIOR FLOOR PLAN
TO ACHIEVE BEST ALLOCATION OF SPACE FOR FUNCTIONS TO BE
PERFORMED, SOMETHING WE FEEL COULD EVEN HAVE DIMINISHED
PROBLEMS INSIDE PRESENT EUREKA ROAD ANNEX TO GREAT EXTENT.

4. POST IS AUTHORIZED TO INITIATE NEGOTIATIONS WITH
BUILDING OWNERS FOR 11,000 SQUARE FEET (I.E. FIRST FLOOR)
PLUS OUTSIDE AREA TO BE USED AS WAITING ROOM AND PARKING
SPACES. ADVISE DEPARTMENT OF MOST FAVORABLE TERMS BEFORE
MAKING FIRM COMMITMENT. PLEASE CONFIRM OUR UNDERSTANDING
OF ONE TIME PAYMENT FOR OUTSIDE AREA AND EXPLAIN NUMBER
AND ALLOCATION OF PARKING SPACES.

5. MANY OF RECOMMENDATIONS IN CAT MEMO APPENDIX A CAN
BE IMPLEMENTED IN PRESENT QUARTERS AND WILL RESULT IN
MORE EFFICIENT OPERATIONS IMMEDIATELY. POST IS THEREFORE
REQUESTED TO MAIL REQUISITIONS FOR NECESSARY ITEMS SUCH
AS AVLOS HUSHBOX, IBM TYPEWRITER SOUND REDUCTION OPTION,
ETC. PLEASE ADVISE BY CABLE IF POST FUNDS INSUFFICIENT.
DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING REQUISITION NUMBERS,
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DATE MAILED, DOLLAR AMOUNTS ETC. SO THAT WE CAN ENSURE
TIMELY DELIVERY BY CONTACTING FIRMS IN U.S.

6. POST IS ALSO REQUESTED TO IMPLEMENT REVISED
PROCESSING SYSTEMS AS OUTLINED IN CAT MEMO AND INFORM
DEPARTMENT OF PROJECTED TIMETABLE FOR COMPLETION. IT
IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO
EUREKA ROAD ANNEX WOULD INSTANTLY AMELIORATE CONDITIONS
WITH NO WASTE OF CAPITAL.

7. AT EUREKA CONSULATE CAT RECOMMENDS IMMEDIATE IMPLE-
MENTATION OF FOLLOWING CHANGES TO NIV WAITING AREA:

A. OPEN BOTH DOORS TO WAITING AREA.

B. ON INSIDE CONSTRUCT ENCLOSED BOOTH SPANNING SPACE
BETWEEN THESE DOORS, APPROXIMATELY 5'0" IN DEPTH TO
HOUSE NIV INFORMATION CLERK, IV INFORMATION CLERK AND
TELEPHONE RECEPTIONISTS (1) ENTRY TO BOOTH TO BE
ELECTRONICALLY CONTROLLED, AND (2) CONSTRUCTION SHOULD

BE MODULAR AND DEMOUNTABLE TO ALLOW TRANSFER TO NEW

QUARTERS. THIS CHANGE WILL PERMIT CASHIER TO MOVE TO
VACATED IV INFO BOOTH ON SECOND FLOOR LEVEL;

C. TAKE DOWN PRESENT 7'0" BARRIER BETWEEN WAITING AND
INTERVIEW BOOTHS. PLEASE ADVISE.

8. FUNDAMENTAL TO CAT CONCEPT IS IMMEDIATE, CONCRETE
ASSISTANCE AND SUSTAINED FOLLOW-UP. WE WILL MAKE EVERY
EFFORT IN THIS REGARD BUT DEPEND ON POST FOR EQUAL
INTEREST AND COOPERATION. WE WOULD PROPOSE FOLLOW-UP
CAT VISIT IN SIX WEEKS - TWO MONTHS. CHRISTOPHER

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